

silanol termination does not meet the limitation of also having alkenyl substitution. The applicants respectfully point to the language of the specification, page 3, lines 1-3, stating that component (C) is a treating agent selected from the group consisting of silanes and siloxane oligomers having alkenyl *and* alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. The applicants further point out that on page 5, line 18 through page 6 line 2, that all compounds exemplary of component (C) contain alkenyl substitution. EPA '779 does not teach the use of a treating agent for aluminum hydroxide having both alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution.

Additionally, the applicants point out that EPA '779 does not teach a composition of claim 2 of the present invention, which includes component (E), that is 10 to 300 weight parts aluminum hydroxide powder whose surface has been treated with a treating agent selected from the group consisting of silanes and siloxane oligomers having alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. Therefore EPA '779 does not anticipate the present claims 1 to 8. The applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw this cause for rejection.

The examiner states that Niemi teaches a composition containing 7.5 parts of hydroxy terminated polydimethylsiloxane fluid, which the examiner state meets component (C) of the present application. The applicants respectfully point out that Niemi does not disclose the use of a treating agent for aluminum hydroxide having both alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. The applicants further point out that Niemi does not teach a composition of claim 2 of the present invention, which includes component (E), that is 10 to 300 weight parts aluminum hydroxide powder whose surface has been treated with a treating agent selected from the group consisting of silanes and

siloxane oligomers having alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. Therefore Niemi does not anticipate the present claims 1 to 8. The applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw this cause for rejection.

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The examiner states that Claims 1 to 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Matsushita, et al., Patent No. 5,519,080.

The examiner states that Matsushita, et al. disclose a composition that includes 9.0 parts of a dimethylsiloxane oligomer with silanol termination and that this meets component (C) of the present application. The applicants respectfully point out that Matsushita et al. do not disclose the use of a treating agent for aluminum hydroxide having both alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. The applicants further point out that Matsushita et al. do not teach a composition of claim 2 of the present invention, which includes component (E), that is 10 to 300 weight parts aluminum hydroxide powder whose surface has been treated with a treating agent selected from the group consisting of silanes and siloxane oligomers having alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution. Therefore Matsushita et al. do not anticipate the present claims 1 to 18. The applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw this cause for rejection.

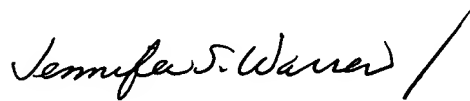
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The examiner suggests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on U.S. Pat. No. 5,519,080 might be overcome either by showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another", or by an appropriate showing

under 37 CFR 1.131. Because U.S. Pat. No. 5,519,080 does not anticipate the present invention, these showings are not made at this time.

Based on the above remarks, the applicants respectfully request that the examiner allow the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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